



FRUIT & SPICE PARK



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MIAMI-DADE PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2004 CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Reservations for all activities are required. Please Call 305-247-5727

- Feb. 21-22 **Strawberry Folk Festival**
Enjoy a beautiful weekend in the Garden with folk music, story telling and strawberries presented by the Friends of the Seminole Theater. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. **Call 305-242-9320 for further information.** A Folk Concert will be given under the stars on Feb. 21st 7-10 p.m.
- Mar. 67 **Asian Culture Festival**
Sponsored by the Thai American Association & the Fruit & Spice Park. This delightful show features a large selection of Asian crafts, arts, dance and music and is highlighted by a large selection of Asian food. Children will receive an Asian Passport and can get it stamped as they visit exhibits across the Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission \$6. Children under 12 are "free".
- Mar. 13 **Authentic Indian, Jamaican, Thai, and Chinese Cooking**
Classes will be held at restaurants that specialize in native tradition. Specific time and dates will be announced of each additional class. We will start the series off with **Indian Cuisine**. You will learn to use the traditional spices and cook the food of India with a wonderful native cook. 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Fee: \$25
- Mar. 20 **Propagation**
Methods of reproducing tropical fruit trees. Learn how to plant seeds, root cuttings, air layer and graft. **An all day** session, breaking for lunch. Receive a tree to graft and take home. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Instructor: Chris Rollins. Fee: \$40.
- May 1 **Establishing a Small Grove**
Learn all aspects of establishing and maintaining a small grove. Discussion includes site selection, preparation, security, irrigation and labor. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Instructor: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$25.
- May 14-16 **Redland International Orchid Show**
Truly the largest annual orchid event in the U.S., features over 50 booths of educational orchid exhibits and orchid sales. An American Orchid Society judged show. A huge volume of orchids, plants and supplies for sale, lectures by experts, raffles and international foods. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: \$5.
- June 5 **Lychee & Longan Workshop**
Learn about these most revered of Chinese fruits from their ancient cultivation to their modern mania. Growing needs, problems and varieties will be covered. Taste samples are included. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Instructor: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$25.
- June 5-6 **Redland Farm & Garden Show**
This old time farm show features antique tractors, flywheel engines, local herbs, fruit trees and plants, garden accessories and fresh produce. Cooking demonstrations by some of South Florida's best chefs will highlight local produce. A Tropical Fruit Ice Cream booth will have such tantalizing flavors as: Canistel, Antidesma, Soursop, Lychee, Mango, Jaboticaba, Jackfruit and Tamarind. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: \$5 Children under 12 are "free".

- June 26 **Mangos, Mangos, Mangos**
 Everything about mangos: how to grow them, their insect and disease problems, recipes and the many varieties. Sample fruits until the juice drips from your elbows. Visit the more than 100 varieties growing in the Fruit & Spice Park. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Instructor: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$25
- Aug. 8 **Bamboo Workshop**
 Learn to grow and cultivate different varieties of Bamboo and their uses. Includes a tour of the Park's 70 varieties of bamboo, which is the largest public collection of tropical bamboo in the United States. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Instructor: Daniel Holmes, Fee: \$25.
- Aug. 14 **Banana Workshop**
 Learn from the Top Banana, Mr. Don Chafin about banana and plantain cultivars, culture and diseases. Visit a collection of 70 cultivars. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Fee: \$25
- Sept. 11 **Vegetable Gardening, Container Gardening & Unusual Vegetables**
 Learn all aspects of vegetable gardening in the backyard. Conventional vegetables and exotic ethnic ones, planting techniques and practices needed to produce safe, fresh, clean vegetables at home. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Instructor: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$35.
- Sept. 18 **Propagation**
 Methods of reproducing fruit trees. Learn how to plant seeds, make cuttings, air layer and graft.
 All day session, breaking for lunch. Receive a tree to graft and take home: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Instructor: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$40.
- Oct. 27 **Hunters Moon Eclipse**
 Enjoy this family event with a campfire, tour of the park, music and refreshments. The Southern Cross Astronomical Society will be here to guide your experience of the total eclipse of the moon. Bring your telescope and blanket. This is an event you will not want to miss. The fun starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$15. Children under 12 are "free".
- Nov. 6 **Historic Garden Tour of the Redland**
 Tour estates and gardens. See lush landscaping and the latest gardening methods. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Guide: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$25.

**CALL THE PARK TO RECEIVE A BOOK LIST AND SHOP BY PHONE.
 DON'T FORGET SCHOOL, GARDEN CLUBS, CHURCH AND SCOUT FIELD TRIPS**

MONTHLY MEETINGS AT THE FRUIT & SPICE PARK

TROPICAL FRUIT & VEGETABLE SOCIETY OF THE REDLAND
 Monthly speaker, tasting table, plant exchange and horticultural library.
 Tropical fruits and vegetables.
 Meetings are on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

SOUTH DADE GARDEN CLUB

Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. In existence for 70 years, 54 at the Park. All types of gardening. Come out to a meeting and make friends.

REDLAND EVENING HERB SOCIETY

Monthly meetings are on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy learning about herbs and their uses.